

(No Report.)

FEBRUARY 6, 1839.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. POTTS, from the Committee on the Territories, reported the following bill :

A BILL

To alter and amend the organic law of the Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 every bill which shall have passed the Council and House of
4 Representatives of the Territories of Iowa and Wisconsin
5 shall, before it become a law, be presented to the Governor
6 of the Territory ; if he approve he shall sign it, but if not he
7 shall return it, with his objections, to that House in which it
8 shall have originated, who shall enter the objections at large
9 on their journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If, after such
10 reconsideration, two-thirds of that House shall agree to pass
11 the bill, it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the
12 other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered ; and
13 if approved by two-thirds of that House it shall become a law.
14 But, in all such cases, the votes of both Houses shall be de-
15 termined by yeas and nays ; and the names of the persons

16 voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the jour-
17 nal of each House respectively. If any bill shall not be re-
18 turned by the Governor within three days (Sundays except-
19 ed) after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall
20 be a law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the As-
21 sembly by adjournment prevent its return, in which case it
22 shall not be a law.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall
2 not be so construed as to deprive Congress of the right to
3 disapprove of any law passed by the said Legislative Assem-
4 bly, or in any way to impair or alter the power of Congress
5 over laws passed by said Assembly.